

Mr. M. Mahon of Baltimore city, by a special leave of the house, obtained for the purpose, then offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That all further proceedings upon a certain judgment obtained by the state of Maryland against William Scharf, William P. Mills, and others, be suspended against the said William Scharf and William P. Mills, until in the opinion of the attorney-general, all the proper and necessary steps have been taken upon said judgment to enforce payment from Charles S. Davis, one of the defendants in said judgment, of his proportion of the judgment, as one of the co-sureties, with the said William P. Mills and William Scharf, of a certain Robert H. Scharf, and until such steps have proved ineffectual for the recovery of his said proportion from the said Charles S. Davis; Provided always, That the attorney-general shall be satisfied that at least two-thirds of the amount of said judgment, and all the costs which have accrued thereon, shall have been paid by the said William Scharf.

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate for concurrence

Mr. Lee, by a special leave of the house, obtained for the purpose, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the members of the legislature, and the officers of the respective houses, whatever sum may be certified by the chairman of the committee of claims, as due to each individual member or officer, from the period of the closing of the journal of accounts up to Monday the 16th instant inclusive.

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hughes moved that the house do now proceed, by a special order, to consider the bill, reported by him yesterday, entitled, An act to prevent the register in chancery, the clerks of the court of appeals, the clerks of the county courts, the clerk of the city court of Baltimore, and the registers of wills, from collecting fees before the services charged for have been rendered.

On motion by Mr. Townsend, seconded by two other members, as required by the 39th rule, the house was called, and the door-keeper sent for the absent members remaining in the city.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the house resolved to progress in its ordinary business during the absence of the door-keeper. When,